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LOK SABHA

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GAS TO NTPC POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NTPC Power Plants in the country are unable to utilize theirinstalled capacity to the full due to non-supply of gas to them;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government to ensure adequate supply of gas to them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 665 TO BE ANSWERED IN TH LOK SABHA ON 08.05.2003 REGARDING GAS TO NTPC POWER PLANTS.

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) gas based power plants with a total capacity of 3955 MW and with a gas demand of 17.60 Million Standard Cubic Meters per Day receive lesser gas for their projects andhave received on an average only 10.63 Million Standard Cubic Meters per Day in 2002-2003.

The Gas Linkage Committee under the Ministry of Petroleum andNatural Gas allocates gas to various sectors including Power Sector projects of NTPC on considering the availability position, requirement etc.As against the allocation of about 120 Million Standard Cubic Meters per Day of natural gas, thesupply is limited to only around 65 Million Standard Cubic Meters per Day in the country necessitating reduction in supply to the users.

(c) : Efforts are being made to increase gas availability through increase in domestic production as well as import through Liquified Natural Gas terminals as well as transnational gas pipelines.